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YUGOSLAV-SOVIET RELATIONS

CHRONOLOGY

I. Four phases to "normalization" campaign -

- A. June-December '53 - starts with June appointment of Soviet Ambassador to Yugoslavia: little by either side for rest of year.
- B. January-April '54 - Lull.
- C. May to mid-September '54 - campaign resumed - (small-scale trade, apology for maltreatment of Yugo diplomats in USSR.)
- D. Mid-September to present - intensified phase.

II. Position in mid-September '54 was -

- A. Diplomatic: Full representation (ambassadors or ministers) with all Satellites except Poland. Border incidents at end following establishment of joint border commissions.

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- A. Trade: Barter with Hungary, Czechoslovakia, East Germany (total value \$8 million each way), rail interchange regularized, improved relations on Danube River traffic.
- B. Propaganda: Attacks virtually ended on both sides.
- C. Political: Soviet Ambassador had visited Tito twice .

III. Chronology Mid-September to Present

- 18 Sept Moscow starts quoting Yugoslav press, leaders.
- 19 Sept Tito says "normalization" efforts will be received with "good will" but not permitted to alter ties with West.
- 21 Sept Rumanian Ambassador lays wreath at tomb of unknown Yugo soldier

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26-27 Sept Soviet press references to
economic progress in Yugoslavia

27 Sept Guardedly favorable Yugoslav
press reaction to announced
dissolution of Soviet-Rumanian
joint stock companies.

29 Sept Anti-Tito radio in Rumania
goes off air.

1 Oct Small trade agreement (\$2.5
million each way by year's
end) with USSR.

4 Oct Warsaw pulls all anti-Tito
books.

11 Oct Agreement on high-level trade
talks.

13 Oct Vyshinsky "takes cognizance"
of Trieste settlement.

13 Oct Yugoslavs admit granting
Soviet request for permission
for commercial overflight

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13 Oct Yugoslav emigre propaganda
mills in Orbit reported
abolished.

13 Oct Chinese Communist embassies
reported inviting Yugoslav
diplomats to national day
parties.

13 Oct Yugoslav press interprets
dissolution of Soviet-Chinese
joint companies as change in
policy, as well as methods.

14 Oct Radio Belgrade's transmissions
in Russia no longer jammed.

16-20 Oct On tenth anniversary Belgrade
liberation, USSR press and
radio plug Yugoslav partisans.

25 Oct Tito says he hopes for con-
tinuation of "normalization

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26 Oct Tito tells Stassen that
Gussians know they must not
expect "normalization" to
alter Yugo cooperation with
West and that talk of return
to the Orbit was "arrant
nonsense."

26 Oct Yugo ambassador received by
Bulgarian premier (first such
meeting in Satellites).

30 Oct Yugoslav and Soviet exchange
of films under negotiation.

6 Nov Politburo member Saburov, in
major speech, plugs improved
relations with Yugo, pledges
continued efforts - Khrushchev
tells Yugo ambassador that
statement was "carefully
examined" decision.

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8 Nov Tito adds "personal wishes" to those of Yugo people in congratulations to Voroshilov on Soviet national holiday.

11 Nov Yugo internal radio sees signs of decentralization of Soviet economic administration (as in Yugo).

14 Nov Belgrade accepts Polish Ambassador (completes Satellites).

21 Nov Tito says Yugos, while favoring idea of such meeting, won't attend Soviet European Security conference.

28 Nov Malenkov, Khrushchev, Molotov and Bulganin - attending a reception at the Yugoslav embassy - toast "Comrade Khrushchev and the Communist Party of Yugoslavia."

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29 Nov Some Satellite premiers attend
 Yugoslav national holiday
 receptions.

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